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## Gentlemen:

Currently, a major effort is underway at Rocky Flats Plant to produce the Background Geochemical Characterization Report using 1989, 1990 and 1991 data. The proposed date of submittal to EPA and CDH was July 31, 1992. This date was suggested by EPA to coincide with the submittal of the draft Remedial Investigation Report For Operable Unit No. 1 (OU1), as the OU1 report will reflect the statistics from the next Background Report.

Due to the volume of data and importance of the conclusions of this report, DOE does not believe that this date is realistic for the submittal of a high quality document. We do, however, understand that the needs of the OU1 report must be met. We intend to complete the next generation of background statistics in time for the contractor to incorporate the results into the OU1 report. However, we propose to extend the release of the next Background Report itself, as follows:

- 1) Draft background statistics will be provided for the OU1 report as soon as they are available.
- 2) EPA and CDH will be provided with a draft Background Report on July 31, 1992, to review concurrently with the OU1 report.
- 3) The final Background Report will be submitted to EPA and CDH September 30, 1992.

We also proposed to deliver the 1992 Background Report, with 1989 through 1992 data, to EPA and CDH on September 30, 1993.

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We appreciate your consideration of these proposed submittal dates. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jen Pepe of my staff at 966-2184.

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